

THE SENATORIAL BOOMLETS

Mr. Cameron Looking Over the Ground at Harrisburg.

JOHN WANAMAKER MENTIONED

Charles Emory Smith's Chances Weakened by His Views Upon the Currency Question--Spangler's School Scheme--Electric Bill Whirls.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Harrisburg, April 14.—Senator Cameron returned to the state capital yesterday from a southern tour and will remain at his home at Lochel until after the close of the legislature. Senator Quay is expected here tomorrow or the next day. Cameron is anxious to become better acquainted with the lawmakers and has arranged for private receptions for the delegations from the several counties. It is no longer a secret that Charles Emory Smith is casting longing eyes on Cameron's seat in the senate. It is believed that Smith, John Wanamaker and other anti-Cameron people have some kind of an understanding with the senator that they shall be the candidate of this end of the party. Mr. Smith's position on the currency question, however, will probably operate against his chances, as the free silver and bi-metallic movements are gaining ground so rapidly that no advocate of a gold standard can hope to receive a large following in Pennsylvania.

Senator Osborn's pictorial chart bill has been buried. It passed the senate several weeks ago and there was a cry went up against it from all over the state. The house education committee negatively the measure. Senator Osborn then asked for a hearing and the bill was re-committed. He has refused to appear before the committee and last week notified the members that he would allow the bill to die. He said it was charged there was a snake in the measure, but he denied this, and rather than have such an impression go abroad he would let the bill fall.

The Penrose school library bill will be reported out of committee in the house. It has passed the senate. The measure provides for the levying of the mill tax in cities and boroughs to support the institutions. The Ritter college bill will be on the third reading calendar in the house this week. Chancellor Holland, of the Western Pennsylvania university, at Pittsburgh, spent last week here working for the measure. The only opposition comes from Russell Conwell, a Philadelphia. He says its workings would interfere with his lay colleges there. The friends of the bill say Mr. Conwell has not interpreted the proposition correctly, and it will not be a hindrance to him. It is thought the bill will pass the house easily.

Light Bill is Whirling.

The Hackenbush electric light bill is going through with a whirl. It has passed the senate and is on the calendar of the house for second reading. Under the act of 1891 no borough can manufacture electricity for public lighting without first condemning and buying out any company engaged in furnishing the town with such light. If the council and the company cannot agree on a price, the court will appoint seven "discreet and disinterested" persons to view the property and determine the value.

This law was the work of the electric light company association of the state. They had the act passed first for boroughs to see how the people and the legislature would take it. Growing bold by experience, the electric companies are now working to have this borough law extended to cities of the first, second and third classes. Hence the Hackenbush bill in the senate.

When the bill was reached in the house last Thursday for second reading its sponsor did not have the nerve to call it up. He guessed rightly that the house was not in a good humor after the launching of the St. Paul, and was ugly enough in temper to throttle all corruption snakes that might be presented. There are loaded clubs galore in waiting to belabor this electric light measure as soon as the people back of it are prepared to take their medicine.

Senator Green, in opposing the Hackenbush bill, said that it was an excuse for such a law with reference to water works, but for electric light plants, never. If the principle involved in the Weeds' water works bill is spread out al libitum the law makers wonder what rights municipalities will have years to come.

Carlisle is a quiet, old-fashioned town with strange customs. This is made evident by a bill being championed in the house by Representative Spangler, the sturdy advocate of the principle of America for Americans. The measure repeals a school law which has been in existence almost as long as Carlisle itself. The bill is in the hands of the house education committee. Both sides have been given hearings and it will probably be reported out next Tuesday.

Spangler's School Scheme.

The school board has automatic power under the act Spangler seeks to wipe to the statute books. The directors examine their own teachers and have sole supervision and control over the entire school system. Not even the county superintendent is allowed to interfere with the Carlisle schools. Almost unlimited power is given the directors in levying of taxes for school purposes. They can levy an assessment annually for building purposes which will raise a revenue of about \$5,000. The law has kept the same men in office as school directors almost continuously for a half century. The principal objection to the repeal of the act is that it would legislate out of office men who have grown grey in the service. Friends of the bill claim the schools are run by relatives and that every teacher and director are related. The opposition deny this and assert the people who are voting for the repeal of the act are newcomers in the borough.

In keeping with that of neighboring towns. Not a teacher holds a certificate referring to examination; they simply have the endorsement of the board. Except a few, they are graduates of the Carlisle schools. The superintendent of schools and the principal of the high school never graduated at any institution nor held any other certificates than the endorsement of the directors.

M'NEIL DIVORCES.

They Are Too Numerous to Suit the Wife.

Chicago, April 14.—A special from San Francisco says: Margaret McNeil, of Pittsburg, Pa., filed a suit yesterday in the United States circuit court asking that a divorce be granted three years ago to her husband be set aside. The McNeils were married sixteen years ago in Pennsylvania. Soon afterward McNeil left his wife and came to California.

Several years later Mrs. McNeil was awarded a divorce for desertion and \$10,000 alimony, but, unknown to her, McNeil had obtained a divorce in the Superior court here on the ground of cruelty. Since then he has accumulated a fortune estimated at \$100,000. This fortune Mrs. McNeil desires to share.

CUBANS ENCOURAGED.

Spanish Soldiers Are Joining the Ranks of Insurgents Daily--A Frisky Officer Shot.

Jacksonville, April 14.—A special to the Times-Union from Tampa, Fla., says:

News from Cuba today is to the effect that there is a large uprising in the province of Puerto Principe, that all laborers, sugar field hands and sympathizers are in arms and that a battle is at hand that will probably decide the fate of Cuba. The uprising in Puerto Principe is general and will seriously affect Macao. Is on the island hastening to the front with 11,000 men. Manuel De La Cruz and family reached here from Havana this evening. He is the author of several works on Cuba and is an intense patriot. He was compelled to come here or suffer Spanish tyranny. He is confident that the Cubans will triumph if their leaders remain true. He says the troops in Havana are dying by hundreds, and those in the mountains are dying and deserting. The outlook is very bright for Cuban success, he thinks. Near Santiago thirty-six Spanish soldiers lost their way, and hearing that a band of insurgents were near by they went and joined them, taking their guns and accoutrements with them.

A letter was received here from Havana today saying that a Spanish officer, riding on a train with some ladies, began to take liberties with them. On the same car was a duelist by the name of Mendileta, who, when he saw what was being done, drew his revolver and killed the officer. He then left the train.

Madrid, April 14.—The government has been informed by Dupuy De Lome, Spanish minister to the United States, that a fresh expedition of insurgents is organizing under Gomez and Marti in Hayti. The Haytian officials are said to be watching the preparations closely.

MURDERS IN A CHURCH.

Bodies of Two Girls Discovered in the Steeple of the Emanuel Baptist Edifice.

San Francisco, April 14.—Another horrible discovery was made this morning in a small room in the steeple of Emanuel Baptist church, where the mutilated remains of young Minnie Williams were found yesterday. The church had been desecrated by a second murder, the victim being another young girl, Blanche Lamont, who had been missing since the third instant. She had been strangled, her clothes had been torn from her person and her body was almost nude when discovered.

Shortly after the discovery Dr. George Gibson, pastor of the church, was taken into custody. No charge was placed against him, but he will be held until the mystery is fully cleared.

Miss Lamont was last seen alive in the company of Theodore Durant, a young medical student and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school connected with the church. Durant, who is said to have been engaged to be married to Miss Lamont, is suspected of having murdered the Williams girl, who is known to have been a warm friend of Miss Lamont. They were members of the church they frequently attended together and were also in the same Sunday school class.

Since the disappearance of Blanche, Miss Williams often said that she knew that her companion had met with foul play. This startling statement reached the ears of several members of the church, and the girl was asked for an explanation, but she refused to give it. The police believe that, Durant, knowing Miss Williams was in possession of sufficient evidence to prove his guilt, decoyed her into the church and silenced her forever. Durant has not yet been arrested.

Bloodthirsty Bohemian.

Cleveland, O., April 14.—During a drunken brawl today John Seghar, a Bohemian laborer, shot and instantly killed Charles Flechter. He then shot Flechter's brother in the neck, fatally wounding him, and after being arrested committed suicide by hanging himself with his suspenders.

Rubber Storehouse Burned.

Port Jefferson, N. Y., April 14.—The pumping station, grinding department and storehouse of the North American Rubber company, at Setauket, were burned today. The total loss is estimated at \$75,000, on which there was no insurance.

Newport's Mayor Dead.

Newport, R. I., April 14.—Mayor Waters died tonight after a lingering illness. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver. He was the chief executive of this city to die in office.

Dwight Dana Dead.

New Haven, Conn., April 14.—Professor James Dwight Dana, author and scientist, of Yale university, died very suddenly about 11 o'clock last night.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

The Carnegie Steel company, at Pittsburgh, went on full time last night, the first time for many years.

Charles A. Ziegler, aged 76 years, was stricken with paralysis last night and died at noon yesterday. He was elected alderman of the Eighth ward of Wilkes-Barre in 1871, and held the position up to the time of his death.

MR. CRISP AS A CANDIDATE

Enthusiastic Georgians Boom the Foreign-Born Citizen.

WILL NAME HIM FOR PRESIDENT

The ex-Speaker, However, Doubts His Eligibility to the Office of Chief Magistrate, as He Was Born in England.

Washington, April 14.—A special from Atlanta, Ga., says that among Georgia Democratic politicians an available candidate for the presidential nomination, Mr. Crisp was born in England, of American parentage, but he is said to now be in possession of satisfactory legal opinions that he is eligible, and that the only question ahead is that of availability.

There is hardly a doubt, the special further states, but that the Georgia delegation to the next national Democratic convention will present the name of Charles F. Crisp for the presidency.

The statements in the special differ materially from the news expressed by Speaker Crisp's friends here. They assert that Judge Crisp is clearly convinced that he is barred from eligibility to the presidency by reason of foreign birth.

Must Be an American.

No recognized constitutional lawyer has ever placed himself on record as holding otherwise than that the president of the United States must be an American citizen, born on American soil. Speaker Crisp himself, in the most significant manner, has given his adherence to this construction of the constitution, and in such a manner as to indicate that he felt its full significance.

At the close of the Fifty-third congress, in responding to the vote of the house of representatives, he said, with a distinct emphasis, the import of which was thoroughly understood: "Never in my life, no matter what may be its future, can I expect to attain to so high an office as that which I owe to your kindness, to your consideration, to your partiality."

AN EASTER CELEBRATION.

Three Men Are Wounded in a Street Brawl at Baltimore.

Baltimore, April 14.—Easter morning was ushered in in South Baltimore with a shooting affray, the victims being Edward Lawrence, shot in the groin and through the left arm; William Lawrence, his brother, bone of left arm shattered and finger shot off; Charles Foss, shot in right leg. Thomas Welsh was locked up charged with having done the shooting.

Welsh and William Lawrence had been political enemies for some time and renewed their quarrel when they met today. They were about to come to blows when Edward Lawrence interfered. Welsh then, it is charged, drew his revolver and fired five times. Every bullet took effect in someone's anatomy. Foss was an innocent victim. He is a deaf mute and was shot by accident.

The police quickly gathered in Welsh and his victims. When the wounded men reached the hospital Edward Lawrence refused to allow the physicians to probe for the ball in his groin. He became unmanageable and assaulted Dr. Briscoe, dealing him a severe blow in the face. Lawrence was then released and was taken home. He may die.

ANOTHER LIQUOR WAR.

Arrests Follow an Attempt to Make a Town Dry.

Chicago, April 14.—Municipal politics in Evergreen Park reached an exciting state last night in the arrest of eight residents of the place on charge of bribery, perjury and carrying concealed weapons. The following were arrested:

Rev. George Moore, pastor of the Baptist church; Attorney John C. Bailey, Alexander Richmond, William C. Thompson, Percy Ballou, George Miller, August Gottschalk, and William A. Bennett. The warrants were sworn out by Fred Lephine, a saloon-keeper. Ballou and Rev. Mr. Moore were arrested while leading a prayer meeting at the church this morning.

The trouble grew out of the primaries held some time ago when the two parties in the village came to blows. The question at issue in the village is the saloon question. One party, headed by Lephine, wants the saloons to remain. The party of the other side, which have been arrested, are leaders in striving to get possession of the village government to make the village "dry."

SHOT HIS SISTER-IN-LAW.

Charles Janda Pays His Board Bill with Bullets.

New York, April 14.—Because Camilla Janda, his brother's wife, upbraided him for his wild ways and his failure to pay his board, Charles Janda today killed her and then sent a bullet through his own brain with probably fatal results.

According to the story told by the murdered woman's husband, young Charles has been a cause of trouble to him and to his wife for months past. Rather than be troubled longer, they told him that he would have to find quarters elsewhere. He left with threats of revenge.

This morning about 11 o'clock Charles visited the home of his brother and demanded that his sister-in-law give him his clothes, which she had retained because of Charles' non-payment of his board bill. A violent quarrel followed, in the midst of which Charles Janda suddenly drew a revolver and fired point blank at Mrs. Janda's breast. The bullet pierced her heart and she fell

dead without a cry. Charles then sent a bullet into his brain, inflicting a fatal wound.

Janda died in Bellevue hospital to-night.

SHE TURNED ON THE GAS.

Mrs. Fannie Dorian's Method of Committing Suicide.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 14.—Mrs. Fannie Dorian, 34 years old, who lived with her relatives at No. 185 Deua street, was found dead in the kitchen of her home this morning. Her father, on coming down stairs for breakfast, found her sitting in a chair beside a table, that stood directly under the gas burner.

The gas was turned on full. Miss Dorian had been ill for some time past, and of late had been despondent and melancholy. She had wrapped the blanket around her head in such a manner that none of the gas could escape, even if the end of the tube slipped from her mouth.

INCOME TAX TROUBLE.

It Now Looks As Though Further Hearing in the Test Cases in Supreme Court Will Be Denied.

Washington, April 14.—Unless all precedents fall there will be no oral proceedings in the court of the United States tomorrow in connection with the presentation of the motion for a rehearing of the income tax cases. The rules of the court direct that such motions shall be printed and distributed to the several justices on the bench, but oral argument is prohibited.

The government not being a party directly to either one of the suits in which a rehearing will be asked, the attorney general will not, of course, prepare a brief, but he will doubtless be on hand to respond to any suggestion or inquiry which may be made from the bench. The petition for rehearing asks the court to assign the case for re-argument for the purpose of deciding the three points upon which an equal division of the justices was announced. First, whether the void provisions as to the rents, etc., invalidates the whole act.

Second, whether as to the income from personal property the act is unconstitutional as paying direct taxes.

Third, whether any part of the tax, if not considered as a direct tax, is invalid for want of uniformity.

The petition alleges that the court early in its history adopted the practice of requiring constitutional questions to be argued in full court. It is urged that no case can arise requiring more imperatively the application of the rule than the present one. It is said that until some decision is reached, the courts will be overwhelmed with litigation upon these questions and the payment and collection of the tax must seriously be embarrassed. If a rehearing is denied, it is asked that the constructions sending the cases back be amended so that the court below may determine whether the law has been rendered invalid in the respects specified, and whether or not it is unconstitutional in the respects not decided upon by the supreme court.

Without the request of one of the judges who support the constitutionality of the law for further amendment, it is quite certain the motion for a hearing will be denied.

SPENT HIS GIRL'S CASH.

Fred Price Is Lodged in Jail at Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre, April 14.—Fred C. Price was lodged in jail here tonight. Last January, after the hearing of Miss Ellen Allen, at Lock Haven, and they were engaged to be married. The father of the young woman was well pleased with the match and gave his daughter \$700 to buy furniture. With the money and the young man she started out on a journey to a new home. On the way the store Price convinced her it would look better when they went to buy if he had the money and paid the bills. His sweetheart consented and handed over the cash.

While they were inspecting the furniture Price excused himself for a moment and took the first train out of town for the west. He was traced to Cincinnati, and from there to Bennett, Pa., where he was arrested. He has confessed, and says he spent the money.

TEACHER A SCOUNDREL.

Ekin Under Arrest Upon a Very Serious Charge.

Pittsburg, April 14.—The borough of Bradnock, a suburb of Pittsburg, was thrown into a state of intense excitement last night by the arrest of M. J. Ekin, assistant principal of the Bradnock public schools. Ekin is charged with having taken liberties with thirteen girl pupils, all of them about 12 years of age.

The parents of the children were prevented from administering summary punishment only by the interference of the police. Ekin is about 27 years old and is married.

Luzerne Social Events.

Wilkes-Barre, April 14.—A number of Slaves engaged in a drunken fight in a boarding house at Malby last night. George Lines was thrown out of the house. Alexander Tonish, nine times before he could be dismissed fatally stabbed Mrs. Annie Tonish, the mistress of the boarding house, and cut her husband, Alexander Tonish, nine times before he could be dismissed fatally.

Perry's Companions Captured.

New York, April 14.—A telephone message was received here at 1 o'clock this afternoon from the state hospital for insane criminals at Matteawan, which stated that James Coyne, a hospital attendant had captured Michael O'Donnell and Patrick Maguire, two of train robber Perry's companions, at Pike Plains, a village forty miles back of Fishkill.

What He Was There For.

Chicago, April 14.—A dispatch from El Paso, Tex., says: Webster Flanagan, ex-collector of customs at this port, generally known as "What are we here for" is on trial charged with assisting J. G. Dawson to smuggle 20,000 sheep from Mexico.

French Steamer Burned.

Paris, April 14.—The small French steamship La Heve, which was used in the petroleum trade, burned last night at the pier in Havre, where she was unloading. Part of the pier was destroyed.

CASE OF REV. MR. HOGAN

It May Be Considered by Wyoming Conference Today.

APPOINTMENTS WILL BE MADE

Business Transacted by the Conference at Its Sessions on Saturday and Sunday—Addressed by Bishop Andrews and Miss Danforth.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Carbondale, April 14.—Saturday's meeting of the conference will long be remembered for the wonderful effect of the address delivered by Miss Mary A. Danforth, a young missionary from Japan. A general consensus of opinion prevailed that the address was undoubtedly the best effort of the whole conference. The manner in which the bright young lady swayed the large concourse of clergymen and others present was simply marvelous. Dr. Pearce, who was to speak, declined to follow Miss Danforth.

At the morning session of Saturday considerable routine business was transacted, including the reports of ex-officio members of candidates. Rev. J. W. Hamilton, of Boston, one of the corre-

sponding secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education society addressed a large gathering on Saturday night upon the anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid society.

Today was devoted to religious services, including a love feast conducted by Rev. W. H. Hiller and a sermon by Bishop Andrews.

Tomorrow the session will commence at 8 a. m., when the appointments will be announced and it is anticipated that the utterances of Rev. J. C. Hogan at the prohibition meeting on Friday night will be taken into consideration.

MR. HOGAN'S SPEECH.

It Is Probable That It Will Receive Consideration from the Conference.

Tomorrow it is anticipated that the conference will take up and discuss the speech delivered by Rev. J. C. Hogan at the prohibition meeting on Friday night. Mr. Hogan asserts that "the half was never told" and that there are a large number of accusations to be brought against Presiding Elder Thorpe for abusing the privileges of his office. Some of the very zealous prohibition pastors allege that Mr. Thorpe is not the only one who has made prohibition pastors uncomfortable because they would not desist from preaching prohibition.

On the other hand the leading men of the conference are unanimous in condemning the action of Mr. Hogan and many who were spoken to by a Tribune reporter remarked that it was unfortunate that some of the prohibitionists were so zealous that they turned from the gospel. The church is favorable to prohibition, but it is claimed that instead of prohibition the meeting was turned into an indignation meeting against Presiding Elder Thorpe, so that the audience was gathered together under false pretences.

If the proposal to introduce a resolution in the conference tomorrow morning condemning Mr. Hogan's attack is persisted in, and the bishop decides to place it before the meeting, the question will be finally settled. The question of prohibition will be affected, but the dignity of the office of Presiding Elder will be maintained and discipline restored.

SATURDAY'S SESSIONS.

Address by Miss Mary A. Danforth on Mission Work in Japan.

A large amount of routine business was transacted at Saturday morning's business session. The committee on examinations presented their report showing that the following candidates for full connection with the conference had passed their examinations satisfactorily: Clark Callender, A. D. David, R. W. Lowry, T. N. Sweet, George N. Underwood, H. E. Wheeler, S. Guy Snowden and S. H. Florey.

The following candidates were passed on the second year: A. C. Brackenbury of Galilee; J. Brundell, of Harpersville, N. Y.; P. D. Carroll, of Maple Grove; J. S. Custard, of Little Meadows; G. H. Northrop, of Slatteryville; L. M. Oistead, of North Norwich, N. Y.; L. D. Palmer, of Coventry, N. Y.; W. S. Wilcox, of Saton and J. B. Wilson, of Kirkwood, N. Y. The following were ordained to the fourth year: James Beninger Kunkle, H. L. Ellsworth, of Nichols, N. Y.; D. Hardstock, of Edmorton, N. Y.; C. L. Jeffrey, of New Berlin, N. Y.; E. E. Pierce, of East Worcester, N. Y.; C. H. Reynolds, of Davenport, N. Y.; L. E. Van Hossen, of Forty Fort and J. M. Correll, of Gilbertville, N. Y.

Bishop Andrews announced the following transfers: George B. Benedict to the South American conference and Li Cho Wen to the North China conference.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; cooler in eastern portion; northwesterly winds.



REV. EDWIN B. OLMSTEAD, Binghamton's Secretary of Wyoming Conference.

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LINEN SALE!

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67-inch 43c; recent price 55c
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72-inch 89c; recent price \$1.00
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